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SUBJECT: STRAITS TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME

REF: A) STATE 226935 B) SINGAPORE 4310

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1. FOR SINGAPORE: UNLESS EMBASSY SINGAPORE PERCEIVES
OBJECTION, AND IF POSSIBLE TO DO SO WITHOUT CAUSING
DIFFICULTY FOR HOCHSTADT, EMBASSY SINGAPORE PLEASE
INFORM HOCHSTADT THAT US GOVERNMENT IS FAVORABLY
IMPRESSED WITH THE SUBSTANTIVE PROVISIONS OF THE DRAFT
SINGAPORE TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME. AT SAME TIME,
EMBASSY SHOULD AGAIN EXPRESS USG'S SUPPORT FOR EFFORTS
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OF THE THREE STRAITS NATIONS TO PROMOTE SAFETY OF

NAVIGATION AND PROTECTION OF MARINE ENVIRONMENT IN THE STRAITS. HOWEVER, PLEASE AGAIN STRESS OUR HOPE AND DESIRE THAT THE STRAITS NATIONS WILL COORDINATE THESE EFFORTS WITH THE USERS OF THE STRAITS THROUGH IMCO BEFORE IMPLEMENTING ANY TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME FOR THE STRAITS. U.S. CONTINUES TO HOLD FIRM POSITION THAT SUCH SCHEMES AND REGULATIONS MUST BE AGREED THROUGH IMCO PRIOR TO IMPLEMENTATION.

2, FOR KUALA LUMPUR, SINGAPORE, AND JAKARTA: PARA. 3, SINGAPORE 4310 REPORTS THAT NEXT TRIPARTITE MEETING ON THE STRAITS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER IN KUALA LUMPUR. IF MEETING ALREADY HELD, EMBASSIES PLEASE REPORT ANY INFORMATION YOU MAY HAVE ON THE RESULTS OF THIS MEETING. IF MEETING YET TO BE HELD, PLEASE REPORT SCHEDULED DATE. AS BEFORE, DEPARTMENT REQUESTS EMBASSIES TO BASE THEIR REPORTING ON INFORMATION ALREADY AT HAND OR INFORMATION OBTAINED VIA LOW-KEY WORKING LEVEL APPROACHES WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. DURING ANY SUCH APPROACHES, EMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR AND JAKARTA AGAIN INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS OF OUR SUPPORT FOR THEIR WORK TO IMPROVE SAFETY OF NAVIGATION IN THE STRAITS AND, AS ABOVE, EXPLAIN OUR POSITION THAT ANY PROPOSAL BY THE THREE NATIONS FOR TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME MUST BE COORDINATED WITH USERS OF THE STRAITS THROUGH IMCO BEFORE ACTUAL IMPLEMENTATION. KUALA LUMPUR AND JAKARTA SHOULD, OF COURSE, NOT INDICATE THAT USG HAS SEEN OR IS IN POSSESSION OF SINGAPORE'S PROPOSAL FOR SUCH A SCHEME. INGERSOLL

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